For information on becoming a Respiratory Therapist, see Sources of additional information within this brochure.

For information on youth employment opportunities, contact a career counselor at your high school or employment counselor or job and information center coordinator at your local NH Employment Security Office.

Berlin (752-5500)

151 Pleasant St., PO Box 159, 03570-0159

Claremont (543-3111)

404 Washington St., PO Box 180, 03743-0180

Concord (228-4100)

10 West St., PO Box 1140, 03302 - 1140

Conway (447-5924)

518 White Mountain Highway, 03818-4205

Keene (352-1904)

109 Key Rd., 03431-3926

Laconia (524-3960)

426 Union Ave., PO Box 760, 03246-2894

Lebanon (448-6340)

85 Mechanic St., Ste.4, 03766-1506

Littleton (444-2971)

646 Union St., Ste. 100, 03561-5314

Manchester (627-7841)

300 Hanover St., 03104-4957

Nashua (882-5177)

6 Townsend St., 03060-3285

Portsmouth (436-3702)

2000 Lafeyette Rd., 03801-5673

Salem (893-9185)

29 South Broadway, 03029-3026

Somersworth (742-3600)

243 Rt.108, 03878-1512







Here are a few things you should know. You'll want to know a few things about this career.

Avg Hrly Wage: \$21.94 Expected Growth Rate*: 50%

Avg Annual Openings:

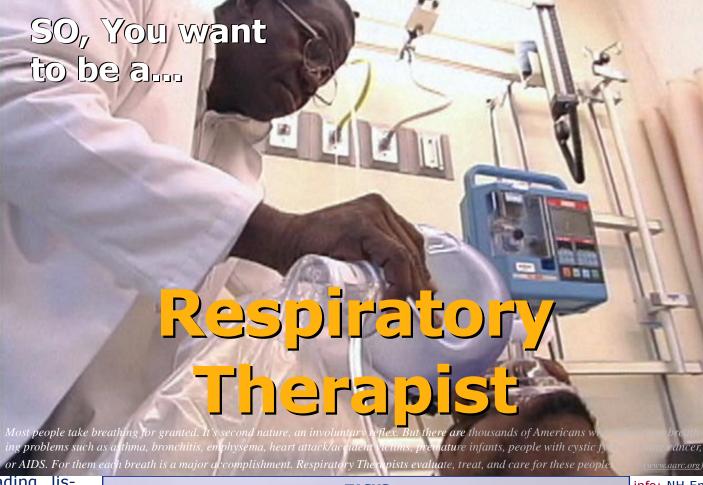
Training/Educ Needed:

Associate's Degree

License required to practice within NH. See Respiratory Therapist Programs available in NH at www.nhes.state.nh.us, (NHetwork)

Basic Skills: Reading, listening, writing, speaking, math, science.

Job Skills: Sensitive to patient needs, attention-to-detail, ability to follow intructions, teamwork, mechanical ability, manual dexterity (OOH). (Also: Operation & control, reading comprehension, monitoring, active listening, critical thinking, problem identification, operation monitoring.)



TASKS

1. Sets up and operates devices, such as mechanical ventilators, therapeutic gas administration apparatus, environmental control systems, and aerosol generators.

2. Operates equipment to administer medicinal gases and aerosol drugs to patients following specified parameters of treatment.

3. Reads prescription, measures arterial blood gases, and reviews patient information.

- 4. Monitors patient's physiological responses to therapy, such as vital signs, arterial blood gases, and blood chemistry changes.
- 5. Performs pulmonary function and adjusts equipment to obtain optimum results to therapy.
- 6. Inspects and tests respiratory therapy equip to ensure it is functioning safely and efficiently.
- 7. Determines treatment requirements (ie: therapy type & duration, and medication & dosages).
- 8. Determines most suitable method of administering inhalants, precautions to be observed, and potential modifications needed, compatible with physician's orders.
- 9. Performs bronchopulmonary drainage and assists patient in performing breathing exercises.
- 10. Consults with physician in event of adverse reactions.
- 11. Maintains patient's chart that contains pertinent identification and therapy information.
- 12. Demonstrates respiratory care procedures to trainees and other health care personnel.

13. Orders repairs when necessary.

www.onetcenter.org

Interests (Holland Code): IRS (Investigative, Realistic, Social)

Interest Area: Medical and Health Services

Working Conditions: Comfortable, well lighted, clean environment.(Long periods of standing/walking. Can be stressful for some.)

Avg Work Week: 35/40hrs (Some may work nights and weekends.)

Sources of additional

info: NH Employment Security (Contact office nearest you or go online to www.nhes.state.nh.us).

American Association for Respiratory Care, 11030 Ables Ln., Dallas, TX (www.aarc.org).

Office of Allied Health Professionals, Board of Regulation and Medicine, 2 Industrial Park Drive, Concord NH 03301 (www.state.nh.us/medicine).

